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ranking committee members, whatever other titles they pass out, done long before we do. They may have to come into session and formalize it at the first regular day of their session, but in most states, that is done. And we are at, not a major disadvantage, but somewhat of a disadvantage because of the fact that some of our national organizations are up and running before we have our leadership selection and make our assignments to all of those various committees. Those were the two points I wanted to make. Number one, that I do not agree with Senator Chambers' contention that five weeks is not long enough for new members to get acclimated, and number two, that this does, in fact...this amendment would, in fact, eliminate the organizational session during the 60-day session, and at that time, I don't think you can make quite as strong an argument that it is needed, because we do have carryover legislation that we can be acting upon. We do not have quite the doldrums of the first ten days during the shortened session than we do during the longer session.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before we proceed, I would like to announce that Senator Robak indicated that there was a meeting in the lounge on LB 90 this morning, and if you're hungry, she said there's lots of food left over. Neither of us knew...know when it's going to be picked up. So, if you're hungry, there's food in the lounge. Now, moving on, Senator Robinson. (LR 5CA.)

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I think Senator Chambers said "cockamamie" ideas, you know, and he was running these people down, and Ernie, I want...you know, you were running me down, but you know...do you know what joy is? Joy is when you feel wonderful. And boy, I feel wonderful when Senator Chambers says that to me because I know what goes around, comes around. And he may have a cockamamie idea. In fact, I've heard several of them in my six years of tenure down here. And the great thespian down here, Senator Landis, you know...he always turns around and looks at me because I know I'll look right back at him see, and he says, Ernie's going to take over. Well, let Ernie take over. What's going to change? If Ernie wants to take over, he'll take over anyway. So what? Are you scared of Ernie taking over? I'm not. So what? Let's get back to the amendment. In fact, both of them talked...they